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**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed April 30, 2009, as shown by petitioner's postcard receipt, and resubmitted on May 15, 2009, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of the 3 1/2 year maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This patent expired on March 2, 2009 for failure to pay the 3 1/2 year maintenance fee. Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3230.

The patent file is being forwarded to Files Repository.

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